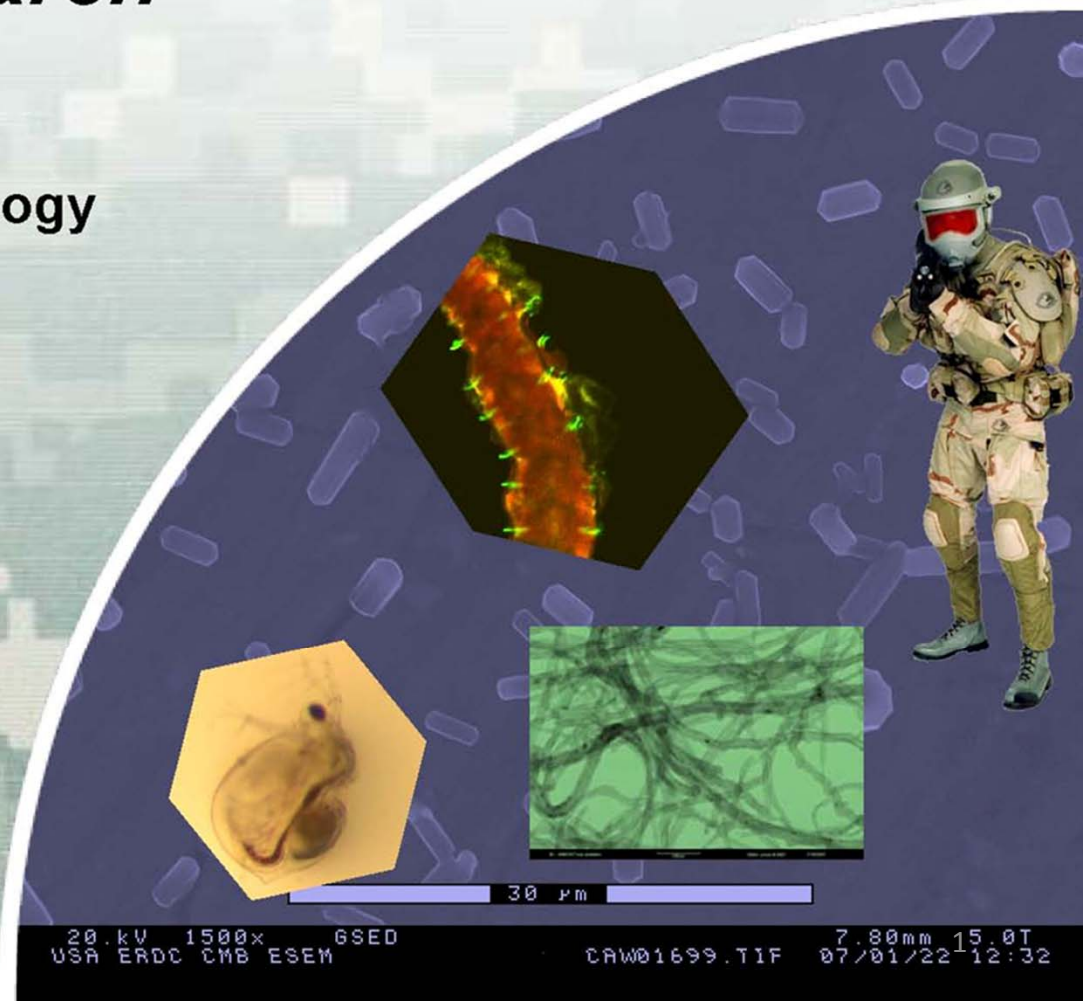


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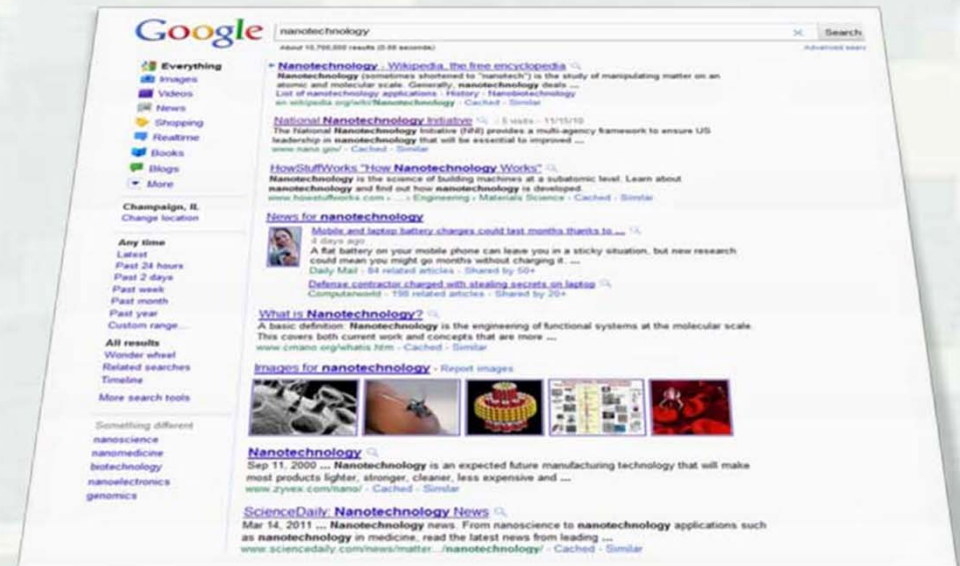
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# Challenges in Understanding “Nano”

- Internet
  - ▶ 10,700,000 hits on nanotechnology
  - ▶ 199,000 hits on nanotoxicology
- Scientists and regulatory agencies have not yet determined what is most important
  - ▶ Assessing hazard
  - ▶ Regulating
  - ▶ Critical parameters



# Goals

1. Provide place “to go” for initial information
2. Basic understanding of what types of information you might need to collect or understand
3. How to interpret information gathered from resources
4. What to expect from R&D community and Regulatory community



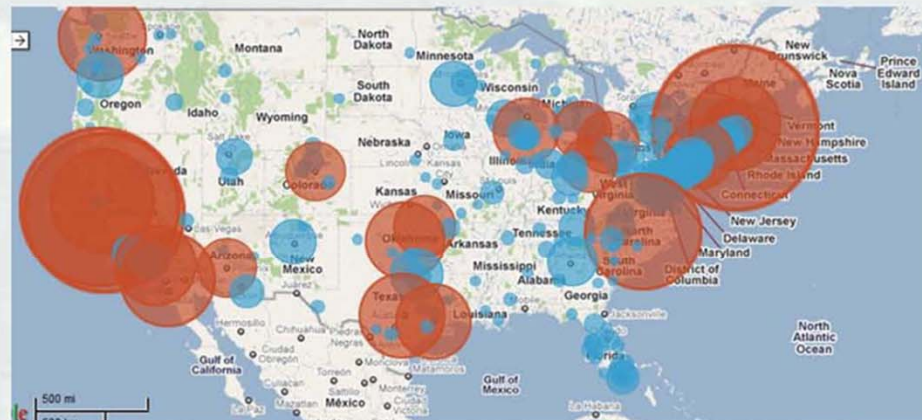
# Consumer and Product Databases



Woodrow Wilson Center, Consumer product database  
<http://www.nanotechproject.org/inventories/consumer/>



Contains references to research papers, articles, and books on (or related to) potential health and environmental risks of nanomaterials sorted by material or compound, body organ or biological effect studied, or other miscellaneous issues.  
<http://www.nanoceo.net/nanorisks>



**U.S. Nano Metro Map** - companies, universities, government laboratories, and organizations working in nanotechnology around the United States

# Materials Property and Safety



UK resource on nanotechnology hazard and risk. Includes a format for nanomaterial specific safety data sheet.

[www.safenano.org](http://www.safenano.org)

ANNEXE Two examples of safety data sheets

## 6.2 SECOKAT, photocatalyst in wall colours

Product: "SECOKAT"

Safety data sheet: as per ChemV Annex 2

Printed: 1 December 2010

Revised: 30 November 2010

### Chapter 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

1.1 Product data: Trade name: SECOKAT

1.2 Intended use:

Photocatalyst in wall colours for the destroying of VOC

1.3 Producer / supplier data:

Producer / supplier: Sonne AG

Information on safety data sheet: Health protection and the environment department (D44

111 11 11, [oskuntt@sonne.gsu.com](mailto:oskuntt@sonne.gsu.com))

Emergency number (company): 044 000 00 00

Emergency information: Swiss Toxicological Information Centre (STIC) Tel 145

### Chapter 2: Hazards identification

2.1 Indication of danger:

As per Directive 67/548/EEC

Xi Irritant

2.2 Particular dangers for humans and the environment

R-phrases:

R37 irritates the airways, R 52/53 harmful for water organisms, can have long-term harmful effects in water.

S-phrases:

S24/25 Avoid contact with the eyes and the skin.

S61 Avoid releasing into the environment. Refer to special instructions / safety data sheet.

### Chapter 3: Composition / information on ingredients

3.1 Chemical characterisation (preparation):

Aqueous dispersion of particulate nano titanium dioxide (anatase)

3.2 Dangerous ingredients:

None

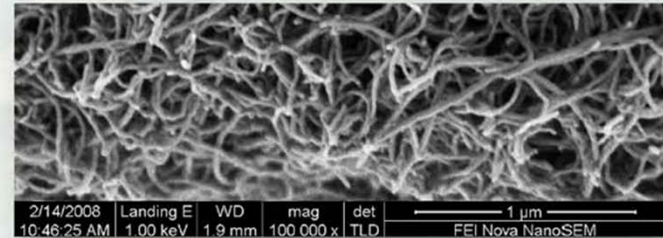
Contains 10% TiO<sub>2</sub> nano-particulates

Nano-SDS-guidelines 21-12-2010

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# What Properties are Important?

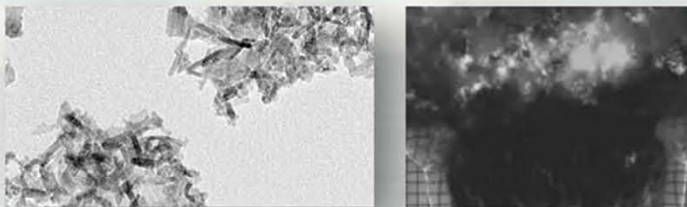
- Carbon
  - ▶ MWCNT, SWCNT, Fullerene, Waste
- Aluminum
  - ▶ Explosive, propellant
- Silver
  - ▶ Coatings, textiles, polymers
- Titanium dioxide
  - ▶ Coatings



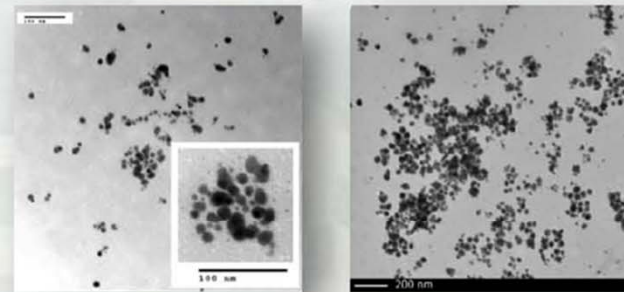
*Multi-walled carbon nanotubes*



*Fullerene soot waste*



*Nano Al, combined with RDX explosive, sintered form of aluminum oxide after reaction, Carney, Indian Head NRL*



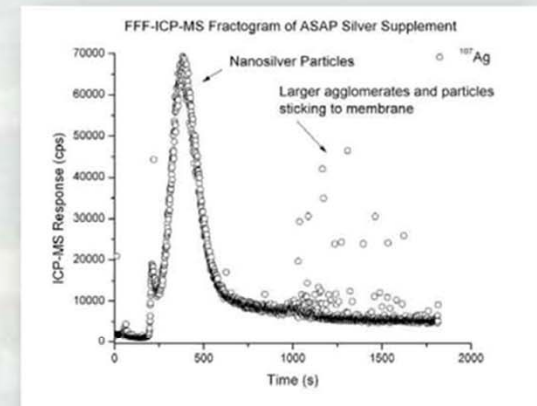
*Nano Ag, 10 nm particles and polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) capped*

\* Identified as strategic materials for Army technologies, Shashi Karna, ARL Senior Scientist



# Characterization of Materials

- ▶ Size
  - Electron microscopy (SEM, TEM)
  - Dynamic light scattering
  - Field Flow Fractionation ICP-MS
- ▶ Surface area
  - BET (Brunauer, Emmett and Teller)
- ▶ Morphology
  - Electron microscopy
  - Confocal microscopy
  - Nanoindenter (mechanical properties)
- ▶ Surface Chemistry
  - Zeta potential
  - Solid-state NMR
  - FTIR / Raman spectroscopy
  - Multispectral fluorometer
  - Auto titrator – zeta potential curves



*Field Flow Fractionation, Coupling to ICP-MS/AES allows elemental quantitation as a function of size*



# Minimum Characterization Standards

- **What does the material look like?**
  - ▶ Particle size/size distribution
  - ▶ Agglomeration state/Aggregation
  - ▶ Shape
- **What is the material made of?**
  - ▶ Overall composition (including chemical composition and crystal structure)
  - ▶ Surface Composition
  - ▶ Purity (including levels of impurities)
- **What factors affect how a material interacts with its surroundings?**
  - ▶ Surface Area
  - ▶ Surface Chemistry, including reactivity, hydrophobicity
  - ▶ Surface Charge

# Minimum Characterization Standards

- **Overarching considerations to take into account when characterizing engineered nanomaterials in toxicity studies:**

- ▶ *Stability—how do material properties change with time (dynamic stability), storage, handling, preparation, delivery etc? Include solubility, and the rate of material release through dissolution.*
- ▶ *Context/Media—how do material properties change in different media; i.e. from the bulk material to dispersions to material in various biological matrices? (“as administered” characterization is considered to be particularly important)*
- ▶ *Where possible, materials should be characterized sufficiently to interpret the response to the amount of material against a range of potentially relevant dose metrics, including mass, surface-area and number concentration.*

# Laboratory Safety



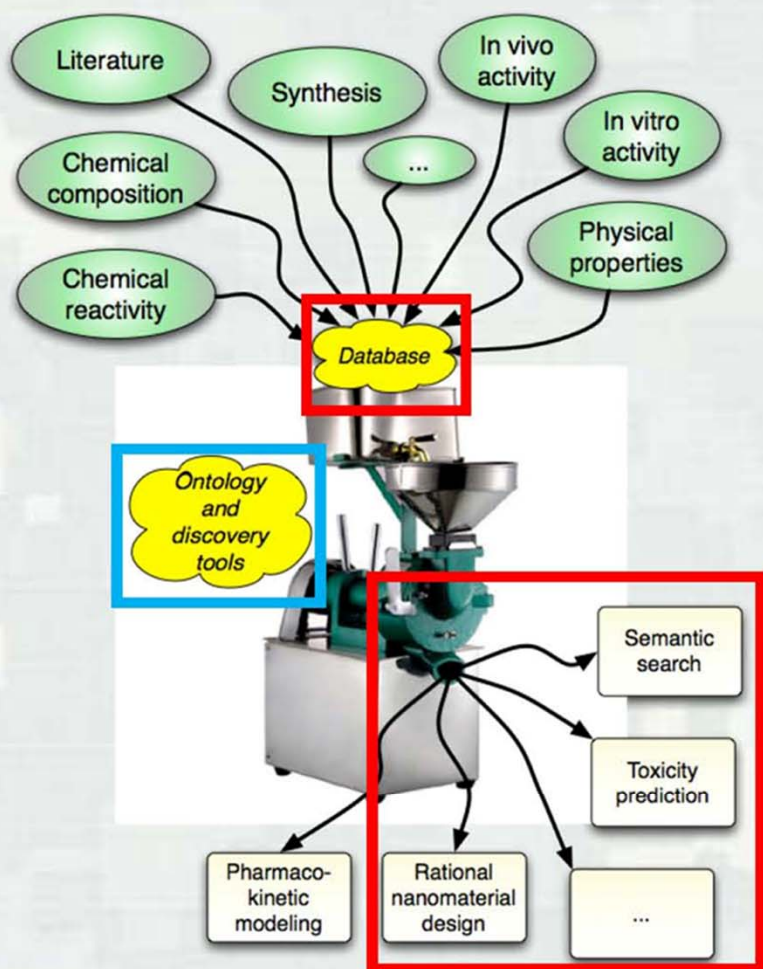
NIOSH Nanoparticle Information Database. Online database includes: Nanomaterial composition Method of production, Particle size, surface area, and morphology, Demonstrated or intended applications of the nanomaterial, Availability for research or commercial applications, Associated or relevant publications. <http://nanoparticlelibrary.net/index.asp>



<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2008-112/pdfs/2008-112.pdf>



# How do we integrate this information?



From Nathan Baker, PNL, 2010

- Information from databases (parameters and endpoints) can be integrated via an ontology
- Specification of logical relationships between concepts
- Also usually includes definitions, synonyms, properties, etc.
- Ontology
  - ▶ Standard terminology
  - ▶ Logical relationships between concepts
  - ▶ Classifiers for computer-aided materials design and modeling

# Materials Property Database

- Categories, descriptors, properties based on a common ontology
- Develop inferred relationships
- Used to predict attributes through QSAR, QSPR, mechanistic models
- Applications include materials development

**Materials**

Existing ☐

Composition

Specific Metal or Inorganic Compound

**Parent Material Properties**

Shape

\* Diameter (nm)

Aspect Ratio

Impurity (%)

pKa

Zero Point Charge

Solubility Constant (ksp)

**Coating Properties**

Coating

pKa

Coating Thickness

Shape

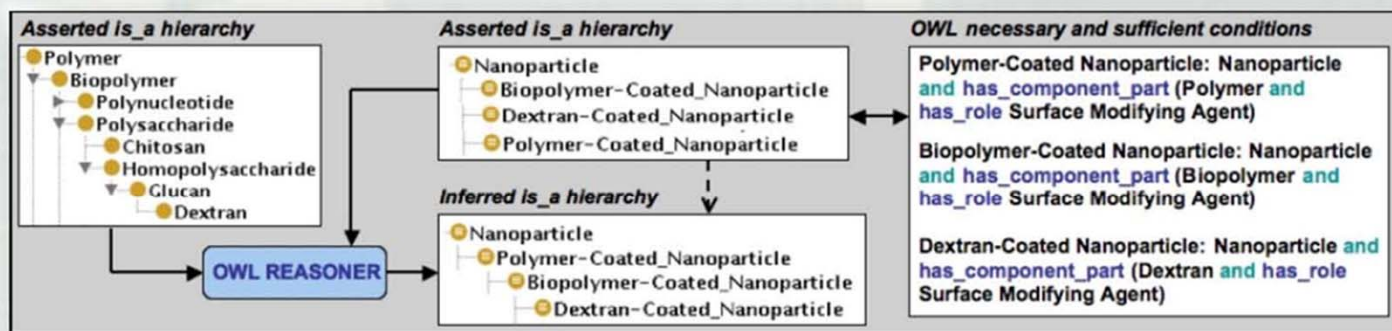
Coated Particle Diameter

Zero Point Charge

Solubility Constant (ksp)

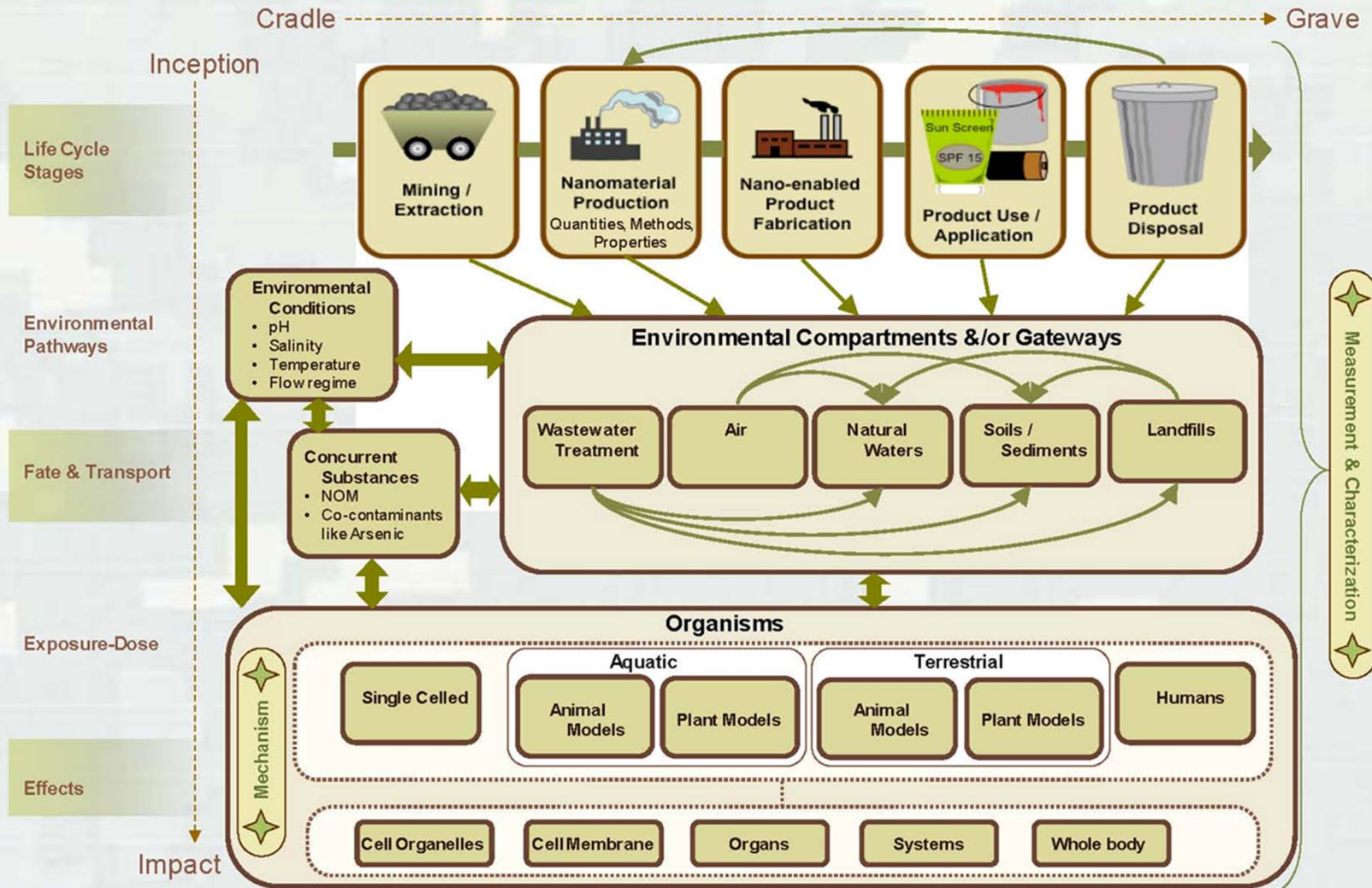
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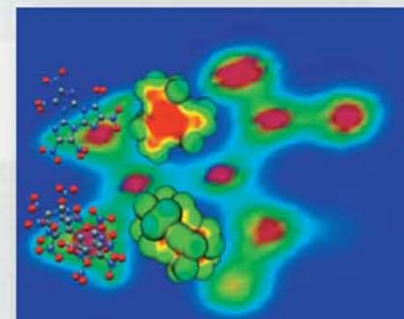
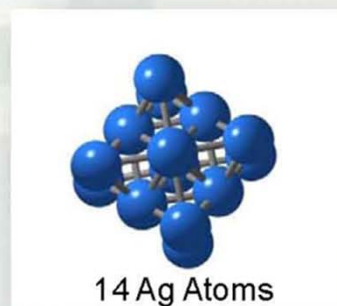




# Nanomaterials Hazard Model

- Tool for estimating potential hazards of materials being developed.
- Rely on empirical data when available and modeling approaches for missing/unknown data.
- Components:
  - ▶ Materials database
  - ▶ Fate calculations
  - ▶ Toxicity estimates
  - ▶ Hazard diamonds
  - ▶ Documentation
- Modeling properties
  - ▶ QSPR/QSAR
  - ▶ Molecular models

Atomic scale models for prediction based on structure and surface chemistry



# Risk Assessment of Engineered Nanomaterials

<http://el.erd.c.usace.army.mil/nano>

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